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MR. McCUEN: James McCuen here from Okanogan County, Washington, Colville Reservation. My illustrious leader, Margie, commented on weeds. FSA program has no money for weeds. They depend on the local county weed boards. We are in that catch-22 again. The county don't come on the reservation and do weed control. You need to write something into the Farm Bill that addresses the weed problems on reservations, on trust ground, on Forest Service, on all of them because there is a big problem out there in the northern tier states that probably half of our reservation is going to be taken over by weeds in a couple of years. And I'm in that program, and I don't care how much we don't have or do have or whatever, we can use more. And the USDA needs to get that in that Farm Bill is weed control. Thank you.